Prayer is Not a Spectator Sport!

Dear Friends:

I asked my students, “is prayer a discipline?” Some misunderstood the nuance of prayer as discipline as a practice or daily exercise, and thought it somehow meant a punishment! Prayer is certainly not a punishment, rather it can be calming, uplifting and even eye-opening as we go deeper into understanding ourselves, God and our relationship to our world. Prayer can lead to transcendence through words or song because it is the closest to spirituality that many people can get. By talking to God or our Higher Power we are using our faith and prayer to reach out to something on another level of existence, giving us a sense of connection with a power beyond ourselves. The Shema is one of the oldest daily prayers in Judaism and is also one of the only ones that is specifically commanded in Torah. It is said daily and nightly and represents the affirmation of the covenant between one God and the Jews. Another meaningful prayer is the morning Modeh Ani (How grateful am I...) to thank God for waking up to another day. I think this prayer is so special because we truly never know what the future holds, and every day lived is a blessing.

There are several different words in Hebrew for prayer, reflecting many dimensions of spiritual devotion, including introspection, supplication, gratitude, praise, affirmation, and atonement. Praying reflects a sense of faith, Emunah in God, a Higher Power, guiding source of the Universe. So it’s interesting that this word Emunah – faith – comes from the word l’hitamen – which actually means to practice or exercise… (like a discipline)! In fact, one of my teachers recently taught me, the more you pray, the stronger the prayer muscle gets! Sometimes our prayers are not answered the way we want them to be, but through our prayers we can change ourselves and our ability to deal with the challenges that life presents to us. Rabbi Abraham J. Heschel, a great philosopher and mystic, wrote “We do not step out of the world when we pray; we merely see the world in a different setting… to pray is to take notice of the wonder, to regain a sense of the mystery that animates all beings, the divine margin in all attainments. Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living…” (Man’s Quest for God).

In Judaism we speak of two contrasting aspects of prayer: keva” – fixed prayer, i.e. prayers that we’re supposed to say at the different times of the day and on various holidays, and “kavannah” – prayer with intention and mindfulness; deep, spiritual prayer. Sometimes we refer to prayer as the service of our heart, expressing our deepest aspirations and the hope that we will be heard. Regarding fixed prayer, author David Ariel says “For the rabbis of the talmudic era, the primary purpose of prayer was to educate us in the sacred beliefs of Judaism through regular repetition and reinforcement” - kevah provides structure.

Don’t be afraid to challenge yourself to take on prayer as a discipline (or if you don’t like that word, as a service of the heart). Start with one simple thing, one of the prayers mentioned above, or a prayer of thankfulness before you eat, on a daily basis. Take a moment to concentrate on the words, on feeling them in your heart, in your body and feeling connected to God. Let me know how it goes. We will have services and activities throughout the summer. This past Shabbat was our first Shabbat Under the Stars of the summer – everyone enjoyed the delicious food, schmoozing, the beautiful children, and singing the prayers on our patio overlooking the beautiful Simi hills. It was relaxing, uplifting and joyous! Bring your friends, make new friends! You will be filled with contentment and have a sense of spirituality and meaning.

Put “Friday night @ CBE” on your calendar! Lehitraot – הלא회ות. See you in Shul!

Rabbi Michele Paskow
LOOKING AHEAD….
Back to Shul Night with Israeli dancing is Sept. 7th. (If you would like to sponsor the dancing, speak with Rabbi Michele).

First day of Religious School is Sunday, Sept. 9th.
Erev Rosh HaShanah is Sunday, Sept. 9th.
Rosh HaShanah is Monday, Sept. 10th.
Kol Nidrei (Erev Yom Kippur) is Tuesday, Sept. 18th.
Yom Kippur is Wednesday, Sept. 19th.

If you would like to learn a Hebrew part, please speak with the Rabbi.

THANK YOU – הדות הבר – TODAH RABBAH!
If you haven't been to the Temple lately, come by to see all of the beautiful improvements we've been doing, from painting the building's interior, installing a beautiful new floor, using chairs instead of the pews, and putting in new LED lights. Thank you to our CBE Beautification Committee for your time, and to each of you who has contributed to these projects.

A special thank you to RuthAnn and Steve Rossman for putting in hours and hours of work at the Temple with so many projects. We deeply appreciate your generosity and talents!

Thank you to Miko Sion for our new movie projector!

YOU CAN SEE MANY MORE PHOTOS OF CBE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
DON'T FORGET TO "LIKE" US
https://www.facebook.com/cbesimi/

Havurah
If you are interested in joining a Havurah, please call Jill Katell at 818-429-9423 or reach her by email at mailto:grkatell@pacbell.net
President’s Message
Summer usually marks a slow down in daily life; school is out, weather is warm, and vacations are planned. Well, not at CBE!

We welcome Summer with our special Shabbat Under the Stars services, membership BBQ, and numerous informal temple get togethers. Concerts in the park are a favorite across the CBE family! We also have Men’s Club and Sisterhood events, as well as a book club.

If you have not been to the Temple recently, you are in for a surprise! The grounds look beautiful, the walls are painted, our flooring is modern, and we have new comfy chairs arriving in August.

I encourage you to come to our some of summer events, invite a friend—or two—and help us show off our Temple.

Shalom,
Ryan Richmond

SHEMA – LISTEN
by Cantor Michael Russ

In our Yom Kippur Prayer Book there is a footnote on page 26, which teaches us an important idea. Before we recite the prayer: “Shema Yisrael”, which proclaims God’s Unity, we recite the “Ahavat Olam” prayer which speaks of God’s love for us. Immediately after the “Shema Yisrael” we recite the “V’ahavta” prayer, which speaks of our love for God. Love is the meeting point where human beings touch the Divine; unity will be realized when our perceptions and actions are guided by love.”

Families are the core unit of society. To love and protect families is to love our well-being and to love God.

“First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out Because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me.”

- Martin Niemoller

opportunities for Involvement:
• ATTEND Shabbat services
• ESTABLISH a spiritual and emotional bond with Judaism and the Jewish people.
• ENRICH your knowledge with Rabbi Michele, guest speakers and adult education
• PROMOTE AND SUPPORT Jewish life in Simi and Moorpark through:

Social Action
We need volunteers for Feed the Needy at United Methodist Church in Simi Valley on Saturday, July 28th & August 25, 2018.

For the month of July, we will be collecting toiletries for the needy. These can include trial sized like you find in hotels or regular sized bottles of toothpaste, soap, shampoo, sanitary items, etc.

Suzanne Crawford
VP Social Action
**Executive Vice President’s Message**

This is an update on all the Building and Improvement activity at the temple.

All the pews are paid for and picked up. There is a table for sale on the back area of the temple.

New LED lights have been installed in the Rabbi’s office, temple office, and gift shop.

The chandeliers have a possible buyer; otherwise they will be donated.

Several churches are interested in purchasing chairs when we are ready to sell them, but some will be kept for use outside.

The chairs on the bema have been repaired.

Tree donation plaques are attached to bricks.

The Tree of Life in the lobby has had all scratches repaired.

The oven circuit breaker was replaced and can now be used without blowing a fuse.

The floors are in throughout building, except in the bathrooms. Carpeting is completed on the bema.

Painting is completed along with touch up.

Bookcases are installed and mounted to walls.

Felt or protective rubber was put on the bottom of all feet of chairs, stools, podiums, and tables that had potential to scratch to the floors.

Miko Sion has stained the Gift Shop closet doors. The gift shop has been refurbished and looks wonderful.

Rabbi Michele has connected with a builder for the ark and has a design and waiting for a bid price.

Capital Campaign- A letter was composed and has been posted in our emails, announced at services, and mailed to temple members, High Holy Day ticket holders, donors, choir members, and non-temple sisterhood members. If you would like a letter mailed to someone please contact Cindy in the office as there are letters just waiting for your calls. There are also letters in the lobby. Chairs and donations for the campaign have been steadily coming in.

Thank you,

Steve Rossman, Executive VP

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**PRAYER: ALL THAT JAZZ**

Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman

Praying is like playing jazz. The more you practice, the better you get. You can play along – but the exciting things happen in “sessions” with other musicians, especially if you’ve played with them before. Some bands just do the “old standards,” others try new pieces. Some groups are tightly structured while others are loose. Musicians improvise on a set of musical themes. They can play together in harmony one moment – and in the next they each play to their own rhythm at their own volume.

The siddur is a framework, like the pages of notes in front of the jazz player. If you choose to use these words, know that if you read the prayers, you are not praying. One should try and reach a proper balance between the prayer and the prayers, and between the prayer and other pray-ers.

Know that according to tradition, praying includes both music and silence. Try and relax from all tension. We all come to synagogue with mixed feelings. We are aware of these feelings in prayer – we do not try and escape from them. We let our feelings influence our prayers and our prayers influence our feelings.

The “band” meets (at least) every week. It could well be that the words or melodies are not familiar to you. Remember, any discipline is difficult at the beginning; practice enables you to feel free.
Women of CBE

The Women of CBE is the sisterhood of the temple.

The SEE’S CANDY FUNDRAISER has been a success and is completed for the present time.

The annual Women of Reform Judaism of Southern California Area Day will be July 8 in Tarzana. This is a training day and we have many sisterhood members and board members registered to attend.

The July program will be dinner and a movie on Tuesday July 10 at the Movie Grill. (see flyer on this page) The August program will the Sisterhood-led Shabbat service on Friday August 17.

The kitchen has a new floor to match the rest of the temple building. What a difference! The gift shop has new shelving and a new cabinet along with paint and new flooring. The new lighting is coming soon. It has taken many volunteer hours to pack up and unpack the gift shop. Thank you to the sisterhood and non sisterhood members who have given their time so generously. Come visit the new gift shop!

Join Women of CBE.

Hope to see you.

RuthAnn Rossman
President

RSVP to Alice at jafiducia@gmail.com or call RuthAnn at 818-312-7266

Men’s Club

The purpose of the CBE Men’s Club is to support CBE and provide a social aspect to our community. Is your wife a member of the sisterhood? If so, why are you not a member of the Men’s Club? In order to make a difference, men need to support the group. The Men’s Club is calling all men to attend meetings and events.

The CBE Men’s Club meetings are held the first Sunday of every month, (March 4 & April 1) at 9:30 AM, at my home, 2396 Fasley Ave., Simi Valley, CA

The Men’s Club social breakfast is the third Sunday, at 9:30 AM at Junkyard Café.

Among several upcoming events is a visit to a car museum. The date and time will be coming soon.

For more information, you may call me at (805) 368-2671 or e-mail me at jrspoolservice@sbcglobal.net

Glen Knecht,
President, Men’s Club
May 20

Chai,

Dear Friends-Shalom Chaverim

Over the past few months, the building committee has been working diligently on planning a complete remodeling of the sanctuary, from floor to ceiling. With the help of a very talented architectural designer, we have solidified plans, to first paint the sanctuary and the Oneg room, replace the old outdated and worn flooring encompassing the area from the Bimah to the exit at the west end of the temple, remove the pews and replace them with individual chairs, and finally, have a custom made, new, beautiful Ark built, complementing the wood of the Torah table and the Rabbi’s and Cantor’s lecterns. It is with great excitement that we would like to inform all members of the Congregation that the building committee has finalized plans for the modernization of the Temple’s sanctuary. The painting of the synagogue has been completed. Colors and materials for the wood flooring, bimah carpeting and chairs have been chosen; contractors have been engaged and will start work immediately.

We would like to thank all those members of the Congregation who have made donations to the Building Improvement Fund over the past few years. Making significant changes and improvements takes much time, planning and funding. Together with the donations already made to the Building Improvement Fund, and a few very generous contributions recently pledged, we have $40,000 for this project. It is estimated that we will need an additional $10,000 to complete the transformation of the sanctuary, for which we are now appealing to you, the congregants, to help raise the additional money.

With a contribution of $100 from each family or member of the congregation, we can easily raise the additional $10,000. Of course, if you can or feel like contributing more, we will gladly accept your additional generosity.

Another way you can contribute to the remodeling of CBE is to purchase one of the new chairs for the sanctuary. We are planning to purchase 130 chairs. If you would like to purchase a chair, the cost for each chair is $60. You can buy as many chairs as you like. We will place a plaque on each chair you purchase in recognition of your contribution.

Please help us make Congregation B’nai Emet an even more beautiful place in which we can join together for worship, learning and community events. We invite you to come on by and see our new look.

Shalom and Be Well!

שלום וברכה

Ryan Richmond
President
Congregation B’nai Emet

Les Sutton
Treasurer
Congregation B’nai Emet
Oneg Sponsors

Thank you to Les & Daryl Sutton for the weekly challahs. Delish!

May 4, 2018
Minnie Anzo in honor of her birthday
Irwin Cohen in honor of Minnie’s birthday
Rabbi Michele in honor of Minnie’s big win on The Price Is Right. Go Minnie!
Cathy Holst in honor of her father Joseph Bailey’s 92nd birthday and her mother Donna’s 91st birthday

May 11, 2018
Valerie Singh in honor of Meridith Patera’s birthday
Kathy Smith in honor of Minnie Anzo’s birthday

May 18, 2018
The family of Austin Lowenschuss in honor of his bar mitzvah
The families of Matthew Levine & Jeremy Levine in honor of their confirmation
Meridith Patera in honor of the confirmands & all the May birthday babies. We’re not getting older, we’re just getting newer teeth.
The Edelstein family in memory of Morris Silversher
The Rossman family in honor of David’s graduation from Moorpark College
Judy, Eliot And Matthew Epstein in memory of Kurt Freischmann
Judy Sternberg in honor of Robert’s birthday

May 25, 2018
Doris Steinberg in honor of her granddaughters’ birthright trips to Israel, with Carina leaving May 31, & Amanda, Paige & Natalie leaving the second week in June
RuthAnn Rossman in honor of the birthdays of Carol Rosado, Ronnye Sacks, Aviva Murphy, Geri Brandler & all the women of CBE who have May birthdays, & in honor of the birthdays of Steve, RuthAnn & Zachary Rossman
Meridith Patera in honor of RuthAnn’s birthday
Ronnye Sacks in honor of her birthday & all her May birthday sisters, including carol Rosado, Geri Brandler, Minnie Anzo, Meridith & RuthAnn
Anne Frankl in honor of her daughter Kate’s birthday & in honor of her premiere into the world of community theater as Miss Watson, Huck Finn’s religiously zealous guardian, in Big River, the musical, playing at the Cultural Arts Center, weekends from 6/9-7/15
Rachel Utiger in memory of her grandparents Sadie & Percy Frank

June 1, 2018
Meridith Patera in honor of the CBE Religious School staff & students
Cathy Holst in honor of her grandchildren Matthew & Allison’s 4th birthday

June 8, 2018
Sharlene Pass in memory of her father-in-law Morris Pass
Judy, Eliot & Matthew Epstein in memory of Judy’s grandfather Julius Fleischmann
Mel & Louise Edelson in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary

June 15, 2018
Marty Richter in memory of Abe Richter

Fundraising

As of June 19th, CBE has only twelve reservations for the JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY at Dodger Stadium. Members of CBE, please take note - you only have until July 15th to make and pay for your reservation. Let’s do our part to not only support the LA Dodgers (while you may hate or love them), but more importantly, let us show our support for the Southern California Jewish Community. There is strength in numbers and it is a way to fight the continuing evils of antisemitism. Show the unity of our community by showing up at Dodger Stadium on August 5th for JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY, and as a side note, it is a fun way to help our temple’s fundraising effort.

Here are some other donation opportunities:

• We have LARGE PRINT Shabbat Siddurs--if you have concerns about your aging vision, these Siddurs are great to help you enjoy your Shabbat experience. We will also put a plate in the Siddur with your name or that of someone you want to memorialize. A donation of $125 for the Shabbat Siddurs is greatly appreciated.

• Our Torah and Commentary, ETZ HAYIM: as you have probably noticed we do not have enough to cover the congregation on Saturday Shabbat services. Purchasing these would be another great way to support the temple, and we would put a plate on the inside cover to recognize you and your family. Donation for the Etz Hayim is $100.

• There is an opportunity to donate to the new “chair fund” and again have a name plate to remember a family member or to celebrate a simcha. $60 per chair.

• High Holiday Books. We have some with no name plates in them. Claim your own by donating to support this investment in your Jewish culture.

• We are looking into something our Congregation did some time ago. Yes, handsome T-shirts and sweat shirts with our Congregation B’nai Emet logo that you can proudly wear when helping to man the booths at our community’s street fair, when you’re serving food to the needy, or at any event. Show your colors and your pride in our community.

For more information about any of these donations, call Cindy in the office (805) 581-3160 or email info@cbesimi.org

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Miller
VP Fundraising

June 23, 2018
Miriam Hintz in memory of her father Lawrence Chusid
Alan Mann in honor of Linda’s birthday
Sylvia LeVine in memory of Max LeVine
Rabbi Michele Paskow in honor of her parents’ birthdays & our wonderful trip to Israel
The Brandler family in memory of Florence Cricco & Sharon Mahler
Recent Donations

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
Glen & Debbie Knecht – in memory of Bernice Hearn and Theodore Karoff
Shimon & Carol Paskow – in honor of Jackie Kovar
Susan Polep – In memory of Martin Bordo
Maxine Seidel – in memory of Rita Seidel
Rachel Utiger – in memory of Sadie & Percy Frank
Jeanne Waksman – in memory of Marvin Waksman

Memorial Donations
Susan & Neal Epstein – in memory of Trevor Grant Scharf
Michael & Marilyn Hollander – in memory of Rosy Hollander
Marian Nadich – in memory of Paul Nadich & Fanya Bronfermanchev
Mitchell & Lynn Salberg – In memory of Shirley Borrok & Steven Borrok
Les & Daryl Sutton – in memory of Alex & Julia Sutton and Donald Nadler

Building Improvement Fund Donations
Mel & Louise Edelson – in memory of Morris Silversher
Bella Hananel – in memory of Miriam Stein
Sheldon & Joan Liebmann – in memory of Leon Brody
Michael & Merle Russ – in memory of Cantor Herman Russ

Building Improvement Fund Appeal Contributions
Steve & Gail Altabef
Seymour & Rochelle Botan
Steven & Margie Bower
Jim & Nina Hoover & Eve Brenner
Craig & Michelle Foster
Anne Frankl
Benni & Ruth Freund
Leanne Iarossi
Jacob & Madalina Inbar
Keith & Lynne Kelly
Renee Kieselbach
Marion Leon-Doten
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Aviva Murphy
Joan Nadler
Stuart & Wendy Niesen
Lesli Kitt-Perez & Gabe Perez
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Martin Richter
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Ronnye Sacks
Maxine Seidel
Les & Daryl Sutton
Frank Tessel
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New Sanctuary Chair Donations
Steve & Gail Altabef
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Evan & Connie Davidhoff
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Anne Frankl
Nelson Gould
Michael & Marilyn Hollander
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Maxine Seidel
Robert & Lori Sherden
Kathy Smith
Sanford Starman
Bruce Stein
Robert & Judy Sternberg
Michele Stevens
Paul & Zoe Venhuizen
Linda Wexler

Religious School Donations
Ken & Suzanne Epstein – in memory of Werner Hollander
Sheldon & Joan Liebmann – in memory of Bertha Liebmann

Tribute Donations
Les & Daryl Sutton – in honor of Matthew Murphy’s Bar Mitzvah

General Fund Donations
Suzanne & Andrew Mahler

Prayer Book Donations
The Davidhoff Family

Other Donations
Amazon Smile Program

Jewish Community Day at Dodger Stadium Donations
Catherine Holst
Steve & RuthAnn Rossman
Bruce Stein
Paul & Zoe Venhuizen

Additional Donations Requested
Shabbat Siddur, Standard Print and Large Print versions
Etz Hayim: Torah and Commentary Chumash
Membership Open House and BBQ

August 4, 2018 6:00-9:00 pm
Bring your friends and family and welcome them to our shul!
Renew your membership commitment while enjoying the company of CBE friends.
Free Barbecue Dinner, Music, and Bouncy House
Havdalah Service at sunset
RSVP or more info: info@cbesimi.org

High Holiday Food Drive
September 9th – 19th, 2018
29 Elul 5778 – 10 Tishrei 5779

Watch for more information in the next issue

Join us for Bagels ’n Books

Join us for
SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS
July 27
August 24
A 6:30 pot luck dinner will precede the 7:30 service on the patio.

Join for Bagels ’n Books

WHEN A CROCODILE EATS THE SUN:
A Memoir of Africa
by Peter Godwin

Sunday, August 5, 9:30 am
at The Corner Bakery

This is a dramatic memoir of growing up in Zimbabwe under the rule of dictator Robert Mugabe. Godwin’s parents moved from England after WWII seeking refuge in then-Rhodesia. He uncovers a secret about his father’s past identity and experience of persecution that opens a new window on the present crisis.

To RSVP or for more details, contact:
Congregation B’nai Emet: info@cbesimi.org
(805) 581-3723
Let’s Celebrate - Mazel Tov!

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The CBE trip to Israel, led by Rabbi Michele, was a huge success. Above, the group is gathered on a hill overlooking Jerusalem. Right, another look at the happy travelers.
May, 2018


RuthAnn Rossman: Thank you Alice and Jill for a very interesting program on scams. Happy birthday Zachary. Happy birthday Steve. Congratulations David on your graduation from Moorpark and beginning CSUN. Welcome to our Sisterhood Board Members.

Ronnye Sacks: Happy birthday to all our May Sisters: Ronnye, Geri, Carol, Minnie, RuthAnn, Meridith, and Carole. Thanks to our new Program Chairs, Alice and Jill, for this really informative evening.

Cathy Holst: Thank you Alice Fiducia and Jill Katell for the interesting and informative Sisterhood program meeting on how to avoid scams.

June, 2018

Cheryl Hirsch - In honor of our Wedding Anniversary. In memory of the recent passing of our Aunt Shirley Marshall. Happy Anniversary to Suzanne and Ken Epstein. Mazel Tov to my great nephew Jackson on his bar Mitzvah in Israel. Congratulations to my great niece Makayla on her recent high school graduation. Aloha, off to University of Hawaii.

Maxine Seidel – In honor of my daughter completing her surgical rotation and passing her exam.

Ronnye Sacks – Congratulations Kenny on his new job. Happy birthday Shavia, Tiffany and Shoshanna! Yay! Congratulations to my granddaughter Kierra for graduating from Sonoma State University.

Suzanne Epstein – Thank you to Jill for hosting a fun game night. So proud of grandsons Bennett and Jackson for doing so well in 7th and 3rd grades. Onward and upward!

Cathy Holst – Thank you to Jill and Alice for a fun game night.

Tic Tac Toe!
That's what we played!

Table Topics is a long-standing Toastmasters tradition intending to help members develop their ability to organize their thoughts quickly and respond to an impromptu question or topic.

At a recent meeting, Alan Mann asked Sanford Miller about a Rabbi who had inspired him. He answered with a Rabbi named Miller (no relation). He gave such a great response that he was awarded this beautiful trophy.
Please check the current Yahrzeit information on the data sheet you received in membership packet. Verify its accuracy and call the office with any changes or new Yahrzeit information.

During the year, you will receive reminders for upcoming Yahrzeit dates. We want to have complete and accurate information.

Call the temple office with any questions regarding Yahrzeit data.

Thank you.

How to Observe a Yahrzeit at CBE

Light a 24-hour memorial candle in your home at sundown on the evening that begins the yahrzeit (anniversary of death). It is also customary to attend Shabbat services at Temple and recite the Kaddish.

At Congregation B’nai Emet, names of your loved ones are read on the Friday evening before the Yahrzeit. If you observe the Gregorian (English) date, the name will be read following the yahrzeit date. It is suggested that you make a contribution to the Temple so that the memory of your loved one can be honored with an act of love and kindness.

Condolences To:

The Bordo family on the passing of Eric’s father, Martin Bordo

The York family on the passing of Holly’s mother

Yehi zichronom l’vrachah – may their lives be a blessing and an inspiration
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Contact either RuthAnn Rossman via the Temple office, or Josh Ryan at Mount Sinai, Advance Planning Representative, 805.306.6411 jtryan@mountsinaiparks.org

Identify yourself as a CBE member and receive all the details. There is no obligation.

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